

Amendment of the Claims

Applicants request that claims 3-7 be amended as indicated below.

The following listing of the claims replaces all previous listings.

1. (Original) A method for manufacturing proteoses derived from animal protein, comprising:
 - a cutting step to finely cut animal protein and plants containing endopeptidases,
 - a mixing step to mix the animal protein with the plants,
 - a hydrolyzing step to hydrolyze the animal protein by the endopeptidases, and
 - an ending step to stop the activity of the endopeptidases.
2. (Original) A method for manufacturing proteoses derived from animal protein according to claim 1 wherein said plants containing endopeptidases include one or more of a papaya, a maitake mushroom, a fig, a kiwi fruit, a pineapple, a melon, and fresh ginger.
3. (Currently amended) A method for manufacturing proteoses derived from animal protein according to any of claims 1 ~~or and~~ 2 wherein ~~the hydrolyzing said mixing step is to mix the animal protein with the plants so that a mixture is~~ maintained at a range of a pH between 2.0 and 11.0, and for at least one minute at a temperature between 0 and 75 °C.
4. (Currently amended) A method for manufacturing proteoses derived from animal protein according to ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~or to~~ 2[[3]] wherein said mixing step is to mix the animal protein with the plants so that the wt. % of the animal protein is 0.1 to 99.9, and the wt. % of the plants containing the endopeptidases is 0.1 to 99.9.
5. (Currently amended) A method for manufacturing proteoses derived from animal protein according to ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~or to~~ 2[[3]] wherein said mixing step is to mix the

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animal protein with the plants so that the wt. % of the animal protein is 80 to 99.5, and the wt. % of the plants containing the endopeptidase is 0.5 to 20.

6. (Currently amended) Proteoses derived from animal protein made by the said- method[[s]] according to ~~any of~~ claims 1 ~~or~~to 2[[5]].

7. (Currently amended) Food and drink containing the said-proteoses derived from animal protein made by the method[[s]] according to ~~any of~~ claim[[s]] 1 ~~or~~to 2[[5]].